entitled to Teaching Allowance Admissible to teachers of different categories; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not extending to them senior scale and selection scales at par with teachers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The qualification and job requirements are different.

**Indian student facing difficulty in USSR**

1476. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has be drawn to the news-item captioned 'Food scarcity' prices hit students' dated 17th February, 1992 which appeared in Hindu;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to alleviate the difficulties of Indian students in erstwhile USSR;

(c) whether Government propose to grant any concessional travel facility to them ; and

(d) the measures being taken to strengthen this unique area of cooperation in education with all C.I.S. nation ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. It was brought to the notice of the Government that some of the students were experiencing difficulties. The Government have also through the Ministry of External Affairs taken up this matter with the Republics of the former USSR.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development have, on the advice of the Indian Embassy in Moscow, sanctioned emergency assistance of Rs. 500/- per month per student in hard currency to students officially sponsored by Deptt, of Education and still pursuing then-studies in the erstwhile USSR for the period from December, 1991 to March, 1992. Besides, on the advice of the Ministry of External Affairs, the Reserve Bank of India has issued instructions to the Banks and Foreign Exchange dealers to allow parents and guardians of all students already studying in the former USSR to remit upto US Dollars 50 per month. The Reserve Bank of India has also authorised the purchase of tickets to return from Moscow to India in Indian rupees.

According to information received from the Indian Embassy in Moscow, the Heads of Government of the Common-wealth of Independent States have recently decided to reaffirm the coorres-ponding agreements of the former USSR regarding foreign students and to begin working out new documents in this regard.

**Reconstitution of National Youth Council**

1477. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of Human RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstrarred Question 3405 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th December, 1991 and state.

(a) by when the National Youth Council is likely to be re-constituted; and

(b) what would be the proposed strength of the new Council and the proposed qualification for members to be nominated to the Council ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DE PARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) and (b) The Government has recently decided to revise the constitution and structure of National Youth Council and re-name it as Committee for National Youth Pro-grammes. The proposed strength of this Committee may not exceed 50 and it will include representatives from National level political parties, young members of Parliament State Youth Ministers, voluntary organisations working for youth and a few youth representa-tives. No specific qualifications as such are laid down for members of the Committee. The new Committee is likely to be constituted soon.

**मध्य प्रदेश में नवोदय विद्यालय**

1478. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश के किन-किन जिलों में नवोदय विद्यालय खोलने की स्वीकृति दे दी है; और